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SUBJECT: SOVIETS REFUSE EMBASSY PERSONNEL VISITS TO
DARVAZA, SERNNY ZAVOD AND YERBENT

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 2235, (B) MOSCOW 3125, (C) MOSCOW
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1. EMBASSY PERSONNEL JOHN AND NILSA MAYSA FILED NOTE
ON FEBRUARY 28 EXPRESSING INTENTION TO TRAVEL MARCH 3-8
TO TBILISI, ASHKHABAD, DARVAZA, SERNNY ZAVOD AND YERBENT.
MORNING OF MARCH 2 ASHKHABAD INTOURIST INFORMED EMBASSY
THROUGH UPDK (ADMINISTRATION FOR SERVICING DIPLOMATIC
CORPS) THAT MAYSAS COULD NOT GO TO DARVAZA, SERNNY ZAVOD
AND YERBENT SINCE THEY WERE CLOSED AREAS AND THAT
INTOURIST WOULD NOT RESERVE THEM AIR PASSAGE TO OR
HOTEL ROOMS IN THOSE CITIES.

2. TRAVEL OFFICER CONTACTED MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER
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VACHNADZE, POINTING OUT THAT DARVAZA, SERNNY ZAVOD
AND YERBENT WERE NEWLY-OPENED AREAS UNDER THE NEW
TRAVEL REGIME, AND ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF ASHKHABAD
INTOURIST'S STATEMENT. VACHNADZE REPLIED LATER IN
DAY THAT THREE CITIES IN QUESTION WERE CLOSED FOR
"REASONS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE."

3. COMMENT: MFA IS STILL BATTING 1.000 AND WE .000.
THUS FAR NOT A SINGLE TRIP TO A NEWLY-OPENED AREA HAS
BEEN APPROVED.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE RETALIATION. MATLOCK

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